

Attorney's Docket No. 007157/230838 (5543-17)PATENT**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 - EXPEDITED
PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1617**#11
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4-1-03**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re: Stein *et al.* Confirmation No.: 5877
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 For: METHODS FOR THE TREATMENT OF A TRAUMATIC
 CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM INJURY

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of November 20, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests reexamination and reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS**Status of the Claims**

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 Claims 1-20 have been rejected. Claims 1-20 remain pending.

The Rejection of the Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §103 Should Be Withdrawn

Claims 1-20 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious in view of Roof *et al.* (1994) *Experimental Neurology* 129:64-69; Roof *et al.* (1992) *Restorative Neurology and Neuroscience* 4:425-427; Roof *et al.* (1997) *Molecular and Chemical Neuropathology* 31:1-11; and, U.S. Patent No. RE.35,517 (Gee *et al.*), in view of Applicants admissions. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

First, the Examiner maintains that page 2, lines 28-31 of the specification represents an admission by Applicants that "a traumatic brain injury is tightly associated with GABA". (Page 3